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Description MPRAnalyze provides statistical framework for the analysis of data generated by Massively Parallel Reporter Assays (MPRAs), used to directly measure enhancer activity. MPRAnalyze can be used for quantification of enhancer activity, classification of active enhancers and comparative analyses of enhancer activity between conditions. MPRAnalyze construct a nested pair of generalized linear models (GLMs) to relate the DNA and RNA observations, easily adjustable to various experimental designs and conditions, and provides a set of rigorous statistical testig schemes.

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 $\hbox{analyze} \hbox{{\it Comparative}}$ 

Run a comparative analysis between conditions

# Description

Run a comparative analysis between conditions

# Usage

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```
analyzeComparative(
  obj,
  rnaDesign,
  dnaDesign = NULL,
  fit.se = FALSE,
  reducedDesign = NULL,
  correctControls = TRUE,
  verbose = TRUE,
  mode = "classic",
  BPPARAM = NULL
)
```

# Arguments

obj	the MpraObject
rnaDesign	the design for the RNA model.
dnaDesign	the design for the DNA model. Only terms that are matched with the RNA design should be included.
fit.se	logical, if TRUE the standard errors of the coefficients are extracted from the model. These are necessary for computing coefficient- based testing, but make the model fitting slower. Deafult: FALSE

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reducedDesign the design for the reduced RNA model, for a likelihood- ratio testing scheme.

The Reduced design must be nested within the full design (i.e all terms in the

reduced must be included in the full).

correctControls

if TRUE (default), use the negative controls to establish the null hypothesis,

correcting for systemic bias in the data

verbose print progress reports (default: TRUE)

mode whether to run in classic mode ("classic") or in scalable mode ("scale"). Scale

mode is only available in situations when each RNA observation has a single

corresponding DNA observation.

BPPARAM a parallelization object created by BiocParallel. This overwrites the BPPARAM

object set in the object creation.

#### Value

the MpraObject with fitted models for the input enhancers

#### **Examples**

analyzeQuantification Perform quantitative analysis on the MPRA data. This analysis aims to determine which sequences have a regulatory function, when no condition is being tested.

# **Description**

- epirical: the model is fitted as specified, enabling future empirical testing (either empirical p-value if negative controls are provided, or a global devience analysis, see details in 'test.empirical')
- Irt: only available if negative controls are provided. A likelihood ratio test is used, with the null hypothesis a joint model of the controls and a given candidate sequence, and the alternative model being a separate model for controls and candidates.

```
analyzeQuantification(obj, dnaDesign = ~1, rnaDesign = ~1, BPPARAM = NULL)
```

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## **Arguments**

obj the MpraObject

dnaDesign the design of the DNA counts rnaDesign the design of the RNA counts

BPPARAM a parallelization object created by BiocParallel. This overwrites the BPPARAM

object set in the object creation.

#### Value

the MpraObject, with populated models

# **Examples**

ChrEpi

Sample MPRA data

# Description

A subset of MPRA data from Inoue et al., comparing enhancer activity of episomal constructs vs. chromosomally integrated constructs (integration was performed with a lentivirus). Data included negative control enhancers, multiple batches and barcodes, a subsample of which are included in this sample data for runtime purposes.

#### Usage

```
data(ChrEpi)
ce.colAnnot
ce.dnaCounts
ce.rnaCounts
ce.control
```

## **Format**

ce.colAnnot Column annotations for each column (sample) in the data matrices

batch batch identifier, factor

**condition** condition identifier, factor. WT corresponds to chromosomal and MT corresponds to episomal

barcode barcode identifier, factor

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ce.dnaCounts DNA observations

ce.rnaCounts DNA observations

**ce.control** indices of control enhancers

An object of class data. frame with 40 rows and 3 columns.

An object of class matrix with 110 rows and 40 columns.

An object of class matrix with 110 rows and 40 columns.

An object of class logical of length 110.

#### Source

```
https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5204343/
```

estimateDepthFactors estimate library size correction factors

### **Description**

estimate library size correction factors

# Usage

```
estimateDepthFactors(
  obj,
  lib.factor = NULL,
  which.lib = "both",
  depth.estimator = "uq"
)
```

### Arguments

obj the MpraObject

lib.factor the factor associating each sample to a library. Can be a factor or the name of

a column in the object's colAnnot. If not provided, the data is assumed to have

been generated from a single library, and constant library depth is set.

which library to compute the depth factors for. Options are "both" (default),

"dna" or "rna". If the DNA and RNA counts have different library factors, this

function should be called twice: once with "dna" and once with "rna"

depth.estimator

a character indicating which depth estimation to use, or a function to perform the estimation. Currently supported values are "uq" for upper quantile of non-zero values (default), "rle" for RLE (uses geometric mean, and is therefore not recommended if libraries have 0 counts), or "totsum" for total sum. For a function input: function should take a numeric vector and return a single numeric, and preferably handle NA values. See examples.

# Value

the MpraObject with estimated values for sequencing depth factors

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#### Note

since in most MPRA experiments multiple barcodes exist within a single library, each column in the matrix is usually not a separate library. For this reason, it is recommended to supply this function with the appropriate partitioning of the data matrix columns into libraries, see lib.factor

#### **Examples**

getAlpha

return the fitted value for the transcription rate.

#### **Description**

return the fitted value for the transcription rate.

# Usage

```
getAlpha(obj, by.factor = NULL, full = TRUE)
```

# **Arguments**

obj

the MpraObject to extract from, must be after model fitting

by.factor

return a matrix of values, corresponding to the estimated rates of transcription under different values of a factor included in the design. Value must be of these options: NULL: (default) return only the intercept term, a single baseline rate for each enhancer "all": will return the corresponding transcription rates for all values included in the model factor name: must be a factor included in the RNA annotations and the rna design. Will return the corresponding rates for all values

of the given factor

full

if true, return rate of the full model (default), otherwise of the reduced model (only applies if an LRT-based analysis was used)

#### Value

the estimate for transcription rate as fitted by the model

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#### **Examples**

getDistrParam\_DNA

Get model distribution parameters from an MpraObject of a given candidate enhancer

#### **Description**

Get model distribution parameters from an MpraObject of a given candidate enhancer

#### Usage

```
getDistrParam_DNA(obj, enhancer, full = TRUE)
getDistrParam_RNA(obj, enhancer = NULL, full = TRUE)
```

### **Arguments**

obj MpraObject to extract from

enhancer enhancer to extract

full whether to extract from full model

# Value

fit parameters (numeric, samples x parameters)

getFits\_DNA

getFits_DNA	Get DNA model-based estimates from an MpraObject (the expected values based on the model). These can be compared with the observed
	counts to assess goodness of fit.

# Description

Get DNA model-based estimates from an MpraObject (the expected values based on the model). These can be compared with the observed counts to assess goodness of fit.

# Usage

```
getFits_DNA(
  obj,
  enhancers = NULL,
  depth = TRUE,
  full = TRUE,
  transition = FALSE
)
```

# **Arguments**

obj	MpraObject to extract from
enhancers	which enhancers to get the fits for. Can be character vectors with enhancer names, logical or numeric enhancer indices, or NULL if all enhancers are to be extracted (default)
depth	include depth correction in the model fitting (default TRUE)
full	if LRT modeling was used, TRUE (default) would return the fits of the full model, FALSEwould return the reduced model fits.
transition	use the DNA->RNA transition matrix (deafult: FALSE). This is useful if the DNA observations need to be distributed to match the RNA observations.

# Value

DNA fits (numeric, enhancers x samples)

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getFits_RNA	Get RNA model-based estimates from an MpraObject (the expected values based on the model). These can be compared with the observed counts to assess goodness of fit.
	counts to assess goodness of fit.

# Description

Get RNA model-based estimates from an MpraObject (the expected values based on the model). These can be compared with the observed counts to assess goodness of fit.

# Usage

```
getFits_RNA(obj, enhancers = NULL, depth = TRUE, full = TRUE, rnascale = TRUE)
```

# **Arguments**

obj	MpraObject to extract from
enhancers	which enhancers to get the fits for. Can be character vectors with enhancer names, logical or numeric enhancer indices, or NULL if all enhancers are to be extracted (default)
depth	include depth correction in the model fitting (default TRUE)
full	if LRT modeling was used, TRUE (default) would return the fits of the full model, FALSEwould return the reduced model fits.
rnascale	if controls were used to correct the fitting (in comparative analyses), use these factors to re-adjust the estimates back.

#### Value

RNA fits (numeric, enhancers x samples)

```
getModelParameters_DNA
```

extract the DNA model parameters

# **Description**

extract the DNA model parameters

# Usage

```
getModelParameters_DNA(obj, features = NULL, full = TRUE)
getModelParameters_RNA(obj, features = NULL, full = TRUE)
```

#### **Arguments**

obj the MpraObject to extract the parameters from

features the features to extract the parameters from (by default, parameters will be re-

turned for all features)

full if TRUE (default), return the parameters of the full model. Otherwise, return the

parameters of the reduced model (only relevant for LRT-based analyses)

# Value

a data.frame of features (rows) by parameters (cols). By convension, the first parameter is related to the second moment, and the interpretation of it depends on the distributional model used ('alpha' for 'gamma.pois', variance for 'ln.nb' and 'ln.ln')

# **Examples**

MpraObject

**MpraObject** 

### **Description**

The main object MPRAnalyze works with, contains the input data, associated annotations, model parameters and analysis results.

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```
MpraObject(
  dnaCounts,
  rnaCounts,
  dnaAnnot = NULL,
  rnaAnnot = NULL,
  colAnnot = NULL,
  controls = NA_integer_,
  rowAnnot = NULL,
  BPPARAM = NULL
)
## S4 method for signature 'matrix'
MpraObject(
  dnaCounts,
  rnaCounts,
  dnaAnnot = NULL,
  rnaAnnot = NULL,
  colAnnot = NULL,
  controls = NA_integer_,
  rowAnnot = NULL,
  BPPARAM = NULL
## S4 method for signature 'SummarizedExperiment'
MpraObject(
  dnaCounts,
  rnaCounts,
  dnaAnnot = NULL,
  rnaAnnot = NULL,
  colAnnot = NULL,
  controls = NA,
  rowAnnot = NULL,
  BPPARAM = NULL
)
dnaCounts(obj)
## S4 method for signature 'MpraObject'
dnaCounts(obj)
rnaCounts(obj)
## S4 method for signature 'MpraObject'
rnaCounts(obj)
dnaAnnot(obj)
## S4 method for signature 'MpraObject'
dnaAnnot(obj)
rnaAnnot(obj)
```

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```
## S4 method for signature 'MpraObject'
rnaAnnot(obj)
rowAnnot(obj)
## S4 method for signature 'MpraObject'
rowAnnot(obj)
controls(obj)
## S4 method for signature 'MpraObject'
controls(obj)
dnaDepth(obj)
## S4 method for signature 'MpraObject'
dnaDepth(obj)
rnaDepth(obj)
## S4 method for signature 'MpraObject'
rnaDepth(obj)
model(obj)
## S4 method for signature 'MpraObject'
model(obj)
```

# **Arguments**

obj

dnaCounts	the DNA count matrix, or a SummarizedExperiment object containing the DNA Counts and column annotations for the DNA data. If the input is a Summarized-Experiment object, the dnaAnnot (or colAnnot) arguments will be ignored
rnaCounts	the RNA count matrix, or a SummarizedExperiment object containing the RNA Counts and column annotations for the RNA data. If the input is a Summarized-Experiment object, the rnaAnnot (or colAnnot) arguments will be ignored
dnaAnnot	data.frame with the DNA column (sample) annotations
rnaAnnot	data.frame with the RNA column (sample) annotations
colAnnot	if annotations for DNA and RNA are identical, they can be set at the same time using colAnnot instead of using both rnaAnnot and dnaAnnot
controls	IDs of the rows in the matrices that correspond to negative control enhancers. These are used to establish the null for quantification purposes, and to correct systemic bias in comparative analyses. Can be a character vectors (corresponding to rownames in the data matrices), logical or numeric indices.
rowAnnot	a data.frame with the row (candidate enhancer) annotations. The names must match the row names in the DNA and RNA count matrices.
BPPARAM	a parallelization backend using the BiocParallel package, see more details [here](http://bioconductor.o

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#### Value

an initialized MpraObject

#### Accessors

MpraObject properties can be accessed using accessor functions

**dnaCounts** the DNA count matrix

rnaCounts the RNA count matrix

dnaAnnot data.frame with the DNA column (sample) annotations

ranAnnot data.frame with the RNA column (sample) annotations

rowAnnot data.frame with the row (candidate enhancers) annotations

**model** the distributional model used. the Gamma-Poisson convolutional model is used by default. see setModel

**dnaDepth** The library size correction factors computed for the DNA libraries. These are computed by the <code>estimateDepthFactors</code> function and can be set manually using the <code>setDepthFactors</code> function

rnaDepth The library size correction factors computed for the RNA libraries These are computed by the estimateDepthFactors function and can be set manually using the setDepthFactors function

```
data <- simulateMPRA(tr = rep(2,10), da=c(rep(2,5), rep(2.5,5)),
                       nbatch=2, nbc=20)
## use 3 of the non-active enhancers as controls
obj <- MpraObject(dnaCounts = data$obs.dna,</pre>
                    rnaCounts = data$obs.rna,
                    colAnnot = data$annot,
                    controls = as.integer(c(1,2,4)))
## alternatively, initialize the object with SummarizedExperiment objects:
## Not run:
se.DNA <- SummarizedExperiment(list(data$obs.dna), colData=data$annot)</pre>
se.RNA <- SummarizedExperiment(list(data$obs.rna), colData=data$annot)</pre>
obj <- MpraObject(dnaCounts = se.DNA, rnaCounts = rna.se,</pre>
                   controls = as.integer(c(1,2,4)))
## End(Not run)
dnaCounts <- dnaCounts(obj)</pre>
rnaCounts <- rnaCounts(obj)</pre>
dnaAnnot <- dnaAnnot(obj)</pre>
rnaAnnot <- rnaAnnot(obj)</pre>
controls <- controls(obj)</pre>
rowAnnot <- rowAnnot(obj)</pre>
model <- model(obj)</pre>
obj <- estimateDepthFactors(obj, lib.factor=c("batch", "condition"))</pre>
dnaDepth <- dnaDepth(obj)</pre>
rnaDepth <- rnaDepth(obj)</pre>
```

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setDepthFactors Manually set library depth correction factors	
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# Description

Manually set library depth correction factors

# Usage

```
setDepthFactors(obj, dnaDepth, rnaDepth)
```

# **Arguments**

obj the MpraObject

dnaDepth library size factors for the DNA data, a numeric vector of length of the number

of columns in the DNA data matrix

rnaDepth library size factors for the RNA data, a numeric vector of length of the number

of columns in the RNA data matrix

#### Value

the MpraObject with library depth factors

#### **Examples**

setModel

Set the distributional model used. Default is gamma.pois, and is recommended. Other supoprted models are ln.nb in which the DNA follows a log-normal distribution and the RNA follows a negative binomial, and ln.ln in which both follow log-normal distributions. To use alternative distributional models, use this function before fitting the model.

# Description

Set the distributional model used. Default is gamma.pois, and is recommended. Other supoprted models are ln.nb in which the DNA follows a log-normal distribution and the RNA follows a negative binomial, and ln.ln in which both follow log-normal distributions. To use alternative distributional models, use this function before fitting the model.

```
setModel(obj, model)
```

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#### **Arguments**

obj the MPRAnalyze object

model the charater identifier of the model to be used. Currently supported models:

"ln.nb", "gamma.pois", "ln.ln"

#### Value

the MPRAnalyze with the model set for the given value

# **Examples**

simulateMPRA

Simulate an MPRA dataset

# Description

Simulate an MPRA dataset

# Usage

```
simulateMPRA(
   tr = rep(2, 100),
   da = NULL,
   dna.noise.sd = 0.2,
   rna.noise.sd = 0.3,
   dna.inter = 5,
   dna.inter.sd = 0.5,
   nbc = 100,
   coef.bc.sd = 0.5,
   nbatch = 3,
   coef.batch.sd = 0.5
```

# **Arguments**

tr a vector of the true transcription rates, in log scale. The length of the vector

determines the number of enhancers included in the dataset. Default is 100

enhancers of identical transcription rate of 2.

da a vector determining differential activity. Values are assumed to be in log scale,

and will be used in the model as log Fold-Change values. If NULL (default) a

single condition is simulated.

dna.noise.sd level of noise to add to the DNA library

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rna.noise.sd level of noise to add to the RNA library

dna.inter the baseline DNA levels (intercept term), controlling the true mean abundance

of plasmids

dna.inter.sd the true variation of the plasmid levels

nbc number of unique barcode to include per enhancer

coef.bc.sd true variation between barcodes nbatch number of batches to simulate

coef.batch.sd the level of true variation that distinguishes batches (the size of the batch effects)

#### **Details**

the data is generated by using the same nested-GLM construct that MPRAnalyzes uses, with non-strandard log-normal noise models (whereas by default MPRAnalyze uses a Gamma-Poisson model). The data generated can have multiple batches, and either 1 or 2 conditions, and the simulated data is always paired (DNA and RNA extracted from the same library). User can control both true and observed variation levels (noise), the number of expected plasmids per barcode, the true transcription ratio, the size of the batch and barcode effects.

#### Value

a list:

- · true.dna The true dna abundances
- · obs.dna the observed dna counts
- true.rna the true rna abundances
- obs.rna the observed rna counts
- annot the annotations data.frame for each sample

#### **Examples**

```
# single condition
data <- simulateMPRA()
# two conditions
data <- simulateMPRA(da=c(rep(-0.5, 50), rep(0.5, 50)))
# more observed noise
data <- simulateMPRA(dna.noise.sd = 0.75, rna.noise.sd = 0.75)
# gradually increasing dataset
data <- simulateMPRA(tr = seq(2,3,0.01), da=NULL)</pre>
```

testCoefficient

Calculate the significance of a factor in the regression model

# **Description**

Calculate the significance of a factor in the regression model

```
testCoefficient(obj, factor, contrast)
```

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# **Arguments**

obj the MpraObject

factor the name of the factor to make the comparison on

contrast the character value of the factor to use as a contrast. See details.

#### Value

a data.frame of the results this include the test statistic, logFC, p-value and BH-corrected FDR.

# **Examples**

testEmpirical

test for significant activity (quantitative analysis) using various empirical tests (see details)

#### Description

test for significant activity (quantitative analysis) using various empirical tests (see details)

# Usage

```
testEmpirical(
  obj,
  statistic = NULL,
  useControls = TRUE,
  twoSided = FALSE,
  subset = NULL
)
```

# **Arguments**

obj the MpraObject, after running an analysis function

statistic if null [default], the intercept term is used as the score. An alternate score can

be provided by setting 'statistic'. Must be a numeric vector.

useControls is TRUE and controls are available, use the controls to establish the background

model and compare against. This allows for more accurate zscores as well as

empircal p-values.

twoSided should the p-value be from a two-sided test (default: FALSE, right-side test)

subset only test a subset of the enhancers in the object (logical, indices or names).

Default is NULL, then all the enhancers are included.

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#### Value

a data.frame of empirical summary statistics based on the model's estimate of slope, or the given statistic. These are:

- statistic: the statistic (either the provided, or extracted from the models)
- zscore: Z-score of the statistic (number of standard devisations from the mean). If controls are available, the score is based on their distribution: so it's the number of control-sd from the control-mean
- mad.score: a median-baed equivalent of the Z-score, with less sensitivity to outlier values. If controls are provided, it's based on their distribution.
- pval.zscore: a p-value based on the normal approximation of the Z-scores
- pval.empirical: only available if negative controls are provided. empirical P-value, using the control distribution as the null

#### **Examples**

testLrt

Calculate likelihood ratio test for the specific nested model

### **Description**

Calculate likelihood ratio test for the specific nested model

#### Usage

```
testLrt(obj)
```

# Arguments

obj

the MpraObject containing the full and reduced

#### Value

results data frame

#### Note

Must be run after running an LRT-based analysis

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